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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS

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1. FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
VIBE BREIFED DCM MARCH 7 ON VISIT BY MINISTRY'S SEC GEN
SVERRE GJELLUM TO TEHRAN IN EARLY MARCH. PURPOSE OF
VISIT WAS TO GET RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES
BACK ON EVEN KEEL FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF IRAN'S
AMBASSADOR BEHNAM FROM NORWAY IN EARLY 1975 FOLLOWING
TEHRAN'S PIQUE OVER NORWEGIAN CRITICISM OF IRANIAN
TREATMENT OF SOME OF ITS INTERNAL POLITICAL OPPOSITION
ELEMENTS.

2. FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY ARNESEN HAD SAID EARLIER
THAT SHAH WANTED SOME NORWEGIAN GESTURE BEFORE MAKING
UP, AND GJELLUM'S TRIP WAS INTENDED TO SERVE THAT
PURPOSE OR TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS NEEDED.

3. VIBE FELT CONFIDENT RELATIONS WOULD SOON BE BACK
TO NORMAL. HE SAID RECENTLY WITHDRAWAL OF NORWEGIAN
AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN WAS NOT RELATED TO ABOVE DEVELOP-
MENT BUT MERELY DUE TO PERSONAL REASONS. HE WILL BE
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RPLACED BY PRESENT NORWEGIAN DCM IN WASHINGTON KNUT

SVERRE, 47, WHO IS EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED
DIPLOMAT.
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